

# TUOLUMNE MEADOWS



## TUOLUMNE MEADOWS VISITOR CENTER

Open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263 ♿

### SPECIAL EVENTS AT PARSONS MEMORIAL LODGE

Come to historic Parsons Memorial Lodge in July and August for a series of free programs—guest speakers, slide presentations, music, and poetry. All programs, unless otherwise noted, begin at 2:00 p.m. and last approximately 1 hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.	
Saturday, July 15	NEW PROGRAM: “Bears” Success, with Kate McCurdy, Wildlife Biologist
Sunday, July 16	The Underwater Forest at Tenaya Lake, with Phil Caterino, Research Diver
Monday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.	The Spirit of John Muir and Hetch Hetchy Valley, Performance by actor Lee Stetson
Saturday, July 22	Yosemite Poets, Kristina Rylands and Mike Cole
Sunday, July 23	What’s Going On with Yosemite Toads? with Dr. Walt Sadinski, Ecologist
Saturday, July 29	The Natural History of the Belding Ground Squirrel, with Nicole Checker, Research Biologist
Sunday, July 30	Yosemite’s Front Yard: The Great Central Valley, Reading and conversation with author Gerald Haslam
Saturday, August 5	Mining History of Yosemite’s Eastern Frontier, with writer Susan Guhm
Sunday, August 6	Is Mono Lake Saved? Slide presentation by the Mono Lake Committee
Saturday, August 12	Indian Life in the Mountains, with Bob Fry, Ranger Naturalist
Sunday, August 13	Ansel Adams: The Man, The Artist, with Yosemite photographer Jeff Nixon
August 19 and 20	Fourth Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival with Nanao Sakaki, Joseph Stroud, and Patti Trimble with guitarist Bill Horvitz

### PARSONS MEMORIAL LODGE AND SODA SPRINGS

Discover the natural and human history of Tuolumne Meadows and hike to the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson conceived the idea of establishing Yosemite National Park. This area is an easy 1-mile walk from Lembert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Come see the new exhibit – *Place, People, Possibility* – at Parsons Memorial Lodge. Staffed by park volunteers, the Lodge is usually open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### FREE TUOLUMNE/OLMSTED POINT/ TIOGA PASS SHUTTLE BUS

**Service will begin June 23 and continue through September 10. Due to limited trailhead parking, use of the free shuttle buses is strongly advised.** Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Campground and the Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (9:00 a.m. and noon) and two afternoon (3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tioga Pass. Service begins at Tuolumne Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:30 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

### RANGER WALKS AND TALKS

Join a ranger to explore the Tuolumne area and learn about geology, birds, flowers, Indians, history, and more. These walks range from 1 to 8 hours and all but the long walks are fairly easy. Several times a week, longer hikes are offered to lakes, domes, or passes. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water, lunch, and rain gear. On Thursdays and Saturdays, end your perfect day with a Music Walk. These easy, early evening strolls will inspire and delight.

### JUST FOR KIDS

Programs for children include Junior Rangers two days a week, a kids’ campfire program, and a family lunch walk. Junior Rangers is a 2-hour program in which children (ages 7-10) join a ranger to explore Yosemite’s high country.

### EVENING ACTIVITIES

Come to a campfire and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for campfire singing, storytelling, and answers to some of your questions about Yosemite. Program topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. A special campfire for children is scheduled Wednesdays at the Conness Circle in the “C” loop of the campground. Join the *Star Party* on Saturday evenings. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Programs will be canceled if the sky is overcast. When there is a full moon, *Moonlight Walks* replace the *Star Party*. Sign up at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for a *Night Prowl* on Monday nights and experience the world without light.

Programs printed below in color are especially for children and their families.

Programs will be limited until the Tuolumne Meadows Campground opens for the season. If the campground is open, programs will begin June 20. Check with visitor centers or local fliers for additional programs.

♿ Indicates programs suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

#### MONDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Ranger Walk to the top of Lembert Dome, 3 hours (moderate) Lembert Dome parking area
- 2:00 p.m. Ranger Walk Along the River, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿
- 9:15 p.m. Night Prowl (ends August 21), 1¼ hours, limited to 35 Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

#### TUESDAY (NO PROGRAMS AUGUST 8)

- 10:00 a.m. Junior Rangers (ages 7-10), 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 10:00 a.m. Ranger Walk to Puppy Dome, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 2:00 p.m. Ranger Walk—Indians, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

#### WEDNESDAY (NO PROGRAMS JULY 19)

- 7:30 a.m. Ranger Walk—Birds, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 9:00 a.m. Ranger Walk—On the Way to Glen Aulin: Cascades and Domes 6 hours (moderate/6-8 miles) Lembert Dome parking area
- 11:00 a.m. Ranger Walk—Family Discovery Hike, 3 hours Bring lunch and water, Tuolumne Lodge front porch
- 1:00 p.m. Ranger Walk—John Muir and Geology, 2 hours Pothole Dome road marker T-29

- 7:00 p.m. Kids’ Campfire, 1 hour, Conness Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

#### THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Junior Rangers (ages 7-10), 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 10:00 a.m. Ranger Walk—Meadows, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 2:00 p.m. Ranger Walk—Lakes, 2 hours, Pothole Dome road marker T-29
- 6:30 p.m. Ranger Walk—Music for Parks, 1¼ hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

#### FRIDAY

- 9:15 a.m. Ranger Walk to Mono Pass, 6-8 hours (moderate/10 miles) Mono Pass trailhead, road marker T-37
- 10:00 a.m. Ranger Walk—Animals, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 2:00 p.m. Ranger Walk—Useful and Edible Plants, 2 hours Lembert Dome parking area
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

#### SATURDAY

- 9:15 a.m. Ranger Walk (one-way) to Tuolumne via Gaylor Lakes (ends August 26) 6-7 hours (moderate) Tioga Pass shuttle bus stop (take 9:00 a.m. bus from Tuolumne Lodge)
- 10:00 a.m. Ranger Walk—Flowers and Seeds, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 1:30 p.m. Ranger Walk—Bears, 1½ hours, Tuolumne Campground entrance (parking limited; take shuttle)
- 6:30 p.m. Ranger Walk—A Place for Music, 1¼ hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿
- 9:30 p.m. Star Party (except July 15 & August 12), 1 hour Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly! Tuolumne Campground entrance
- Moonlight Walk (July 15 & August 12 only), 1¼ hour Tuolumne Campground entrance

#### SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Ranger Walk—History, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area
- 12:15 p.m. Ranger Walk—Lunch at Tioga Pass (July 2-August 20) 3 hours, bring lunch and water, Tioga Pass shuttle bus stop (take noon bus from Tuolumne Lodge)
- 2:00 p.m. Ranger Walk—Geology, 2 hours, Pothole Dome road marker T-29
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿